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SUBJECT: INITIAL SOVIET REACTION TO HUA VISIT TO IRAN

1. AUGUST 31 PRAVDA CARRIES TASS ARTICLE DATE-
LINED TEHRAN ENTITLED "HUA KUO-FENG IN IRAN"
REPORTING FIRST DAY OF VISIT, INCLUDING BANQUET
SPEECHES BY THE SHAH AND HUA. OMITTING ANY
SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO HUA'S STATEMENT ON HEGE-
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MONISM, TASS ARTICLE MAKES GENERAL OBSERVATION
THAT "HUA KUO-FENG'S SPEECH WAS MADE IN THE USUAL
AMBIGUOUS MANNER, CAMOUFLAGING THE ANTI-SOVIET
CONTENT." TASS ALSO CITES IRANIAN NEWSPAPER
ETTELLAT REPORT THAT HUA IS USING VISIT TO REQUEST
IRANIAN SUPPORT FOR PRC EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH DIP-
LOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB COUNTRIES OF THE

PERSIAN GULF AREA, INCLUDING SAUDI ARABIA.

2. ARTICLE GIVES POSITIVE TREATMENT TO SHAH'S BANQUET SPEECH, WHILE OMITTING SHAH'S STATEMENT ABOUT THE PERSIAN GULF AND THE INDIAN OCEAN (WHICH RUNS COUNTER TO SOVIET POSITIONS). ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS SHAH'S COMMENTS THAT "IRAN'S INDEPENDENT NATIONAL POLICY" IS BASED ON UN CHARTER AND (IN A REFERENCE WHICH SOVIET READER WILL ATTACH TO SOVIET UNION) IRAN'S "FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE DIFFERENT POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND IDEOLOGICAL POSITIONS." POSITIVE TREATMENT OF IRAN ALSO REFLECTED IN CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH WHICH CITES ETTELAAT AS REPORTING THAT "OFFICIAL IRANIAN CIRCLES EMPHASIZED THAT IRAN IS FULLY DETERMINED TO PRESERVE ITS WARM RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND DOES NOT WANT TO BE DEEPLY DRAWN INTO THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PRC."

3. DURING AUGUST 31 MEETING AT MFA, IRAN DESK OFFICER KOZYREV POINTED TO TASS ARTICLE'S FINAL PARAGRAPH IN EXPRESSING SATISFACTION THAT POTENTIAL FOR WIDENING OF IRANIAN-PRC RELATIONS IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AREAS IS LIMITED, DESPITE PRC'S AIM TO DRAW IRAN INTO "THE ORBIT OF ITS ANTI-SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY." GARRISON

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